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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 3 and Title 23, relative to attorneys-at-law.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The comptroller of the treasury shall undertake a performance audit of the board of professional responsibility, established by Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court. Such audit shall determine the extent to which the board efficiently and effectively protects the public from attorneys-at-law who may be unscrupulous, unqualified, unethical and/or incompetent. On or before February 1, 2006, the comptroller shall report final findings and recommendations to the supreme court and to the general assembly. During February 2006, the judiciary committee of the senate and the judiciary committee of the house of representatives shall conduct (1) one or more public hearings expressly for the purpose of receiving and reviewing the audit report and for the purpose of receiving public comments and proposals regarding the board and its performance.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.